



Tri-City Animal Shelter & Adoption Center
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Approved Meeting Minutes
Tri-City Animal Shelter Advisory Board
June 11th 2019 at 6.30pm
[Second] Meeting of the 2019 Fiscal Year

I. **Opening:**

The meeting, held at Dick's Uptown Café, 610 Uptown Blvd, Cedar Hill, was called to order at 6.58pm on Tuesday June 11th 2019, by Chairperson, Sandi Carder. The change of usual venue was to support an event held by the Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter.

Quorum Validation:

A quorum was established for the meeting.

Present:

Laura Bowers – Duncanville
Sandi Carder – Chairperson
Judge Michael Petty – Cedar Hill
Sandy Respass – Desoto
Dr. Chris Rose – Cedar Hill
Susy Scott - Cedar Hill
Letitia Shelton – DeSoto
ChrisSharrah Yancy – DeSoto

Staff Present:

Tammy Miller - Shelter Manager
Shelly Meeks – Assistant Shelter Manager

Apologies:

Chief Robert Brown – Duncanville Staff
Charles Humphrey – DeSoto

II. **Citizens' Forum:**

There was just one citizen present, [Vikki Barr?]

III. **Approval of Minutes:**

It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting would be reviewed and approved at a future meeting.

IV. **Friends of Tri-City Shelter Update:**

Tammy recapped on Corey Thompson's earlier announcement that FOTCAS has received two large donations towards the Surgery Suite & Medical Center. This has put them ahead of schedule with approximately 73% of campaign funding promised.

The transfer project was discussed; the Friends have been fundraising to help pay for the expensive transfer costs.

V. **Shelter Report:**

- **Building:** An increase in animal sickness has been caused by continuing issues with the AAON air-conditioning unit. Because it is a specialized unit, servicing facilities are costly, and it is likely that a new unit will have to be factored into next year's budget.
- **Team:** Sadly Tammy Perry, the Shelter's Volunteer and Marketing Coordinator, is no longer acting on behalf of the Shelter. However, Elaine England will replace her. Tammy reported that she has heard nothing but great things and is excited to see what she can accomplish. Regarding sickness, two staff members are still on light duties and a third finally got released this week.
- **Ordinances:** Tammy is setting up a meeting with current animal officers to seek their opinions on proposed ordinances. Assuming they are in favor, Tammy would need to know how best to approach the Cities of Duncanville and Desoto to get these in front of the Councils. Tammy will revert to the Board if issues cannot be resolved.
- **Sad News:** Dr Gleason has officially retired and his last day will be June 26th. Tammy reported that he has performed the largest amount of the Shelter's surgeries each month. Dr Gleason has promised to keep in contact and will assist Shelter staff with record keeping and may help in an emergency.
- **Other News:** Tammy stated that because we are leaders in the animal shelter world, we have been assisting other shelters in Texas, particularly in Central Texas, relating to a possible seizure of over 450 cats and kittens. This is from a 'slow kill' also known as 'no kill' rescue group that has taken on too many animals. The capacity of care became overloaded and the animals began to suffer. **Statistics:** The Intake and Outcome Reports were discussed. Tammy pointed out the large intake outside the three cities reflected the assistance given to the City of Lancaster. Euthanasia numbers included owner requested euthanasia. Subtract that number and the Shelter has an 86% positive outcome.

VI. **Upcoming Events:**

- Currently all cats and kittens adoption fees are only \$25
- \$5 microchip special for the month of June
- June 15th Hillsborough Adoption event and Juneteenth Celebration Event
- June 22nd Go Chip event in DeSoto at ChrisSharrah's Church
- June 23rd Petsmart Adoption event
- June 29th Yappy Birthday Purrrty celebrating the current Tri-City Animal Shelter Building's 10th Anniversary at the Shelter. This is a free event and family and vaccinated pet friendly
- June 30th Petco Adoption event
- September 28th Paws, Claws & Outlaws Gala at the Alan E Sims Recreation Center. Tickets are already on sale.
- October 19th Hogs 4 Dogs Charity Motor Cycle Ride & Pit Stop Pawty. Motorcycle ride will start at Longhorn Harley, on to the Shelter, and end at the Box Car for the Pit Stop Pawty. Information is on the Friends' website.

VII. **Any other Business:**

Sandi suggested the Board remove Dale Kaiser's name from the list of advisory members because he had failed to attend any meetings.

Tammy introduced new advisory member, Sandy Respass, representing DeSoto, and apologized for not doing so earlier. He will be a great asset to our Board and the Animal Shelter. Tammy had reported in an earlier email to the Board that she had learned he was one of the original members to work at this Shelter.

VIII. **Adjournment:**

Judge Petty made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandi, and the meeting was adjourned at 7.14pm.